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SUBJECT: SWEDEN ON OUR CONCERNS WITH SERBIA'S PROPOSED ANNEX AT
ITU'S SG2 MEETING

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1. (U) Post relayed reftel points to Foreign Ministry desk officer for Serbia and Kosovo, Ms. Asa Pehrson. She was aware of the issue, as her Kosovo contacts have expressed concern about Serbia's proposed Annex at the ITU Study Group 2 meeting underway in Geneva. She was happy to get additional background materials from us, and she promised to look into the issue.

2. (U) We also raised our concerns with officials at the Ministry of Enterprise, Energy, and Communication's Division for IT-policy. Ms. My Bergdahl of that Division coordinates issues related to ITU, although Sweden is represented by officials from its Post and Telecom Agency at Study Group 2 meetings in Geneva. Bergdahl told us that "Sweden follows the discussion in the SG2," but that it has not thus far expressed an opinion about Serbia's proposed Annex. We argued that this is a highly politicized issue, encouraging the Division for IT-policy to ensure that it conveyed a coordinated Government position to its experts in Geneva.

3. (U) In response to our discussion, we heard back from My Bergdahl, who had consulted with the Foreign Ministry. She told us that "Sweden will not oppose the adoption of Annex G in the form which is presently discussed in Study Group 2." She noted that the text which is discussed in Geneva right now no longer contains the problematic wording "recognized by the United Nations", which has improved the text, in her opinion. Finally, she noted that "what we are dealing with is an Annex to a recommendation, thus it is not a binding regulation." Bergdahl further noted that, according to WTS resolution 20, the Director of the T-Section (presently Malcolm Johnsson) is the person who decides about allocation of country codes.

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